



**US Agency for International Development (USAID)
USAID/Moldova
Simplified Amendment No. 2 to FTA IEE**

Program/Project/Activity Data

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| Activity/Project Name: | | Future Technologies Activity (FTA) | |
| Assistance Objective: | | DO2: Sustainable Economic Growth Rooted in Euro-Atlantic Integration, IR 2.2, Competitiveness in Transformative Sectors Enhanced | |
| Program Area: | | 4.6 Private Sector Competitiveness | |
| Country(ies) and/or Operating Unit: | | USAID/Moldova | |
| Originating Office: | | Economic Growth | Date:03/24/2022 |
| Original IEE LOP Start Date | | 12/16/2020 | |
| New Funding | | \$20,000,000 | |
| IEE/RCE History | DCN | LOP End Date | Total Funding (\$) |
| Original IEE/RCE | 2021-MOL-011 | FY 2026 | \$ 34,000,000 |
| Amendment 1 | 2021-MOL-011-002 | FY 2026 | \$ 34,000,000 |
| Amendment 2 | 2021-MOL-011-003 | FY 2026 | \$ 54,000,000 |
| Contract/Award Number (if known): | | 72011721C00001 | |
| Recommended Environmental Determination(s): | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exclusion | | <input type="checkbox"/> Positive Determination | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negative Determination | | <input type="checkbox"/> Deferral | |
| Additional Elements: | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conditions | | <input type="checkbox"/> Government to Government | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Conditions | | <input type="checkbox"/> Public International Organization (PIO) environmental and social policies and procedures applicable | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Procurement | | Climate Change Vulnerability Rating: Low | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donor Co-Funded | | | |

1. Purpose of Amendment

1.1 Purpose of Amendment: This IEE has been prepared as an amendment to the USAID/Moldova Future Technologies Activity (herein, "Project" and/or "FTA") IEE, DCN: 2021-MOL-011 and subsequent amendments. The purpose of this Amendment is to make determination for an additional \$20,000,000 funds allocated for the FTA activities. The availability of additional funds means that the project will be able to deepen interventions in each component to Protect Moldova's Development Gains in Targeted Sectors and Increase Economic Resilience. USAID/Moldova would expand FTA by \$20 million, increasing the grants component from \$6 million to \$15 million plus an additional \$11 million in new economic recovery programming to USAID's targeted economic sectors: ICT, creative industries, light industry (textiles, apparel, footwear, and leather), and precision engineering. Under this expansion, USAID will partner with the Government of Moldova on national SME support programs and will leverage emergency response grants to SMEs in the targeted sectors to prevent economic backsliding in FTA targeted sectors. USAID will scale up support to partner Centers of Excellence in targeted economic

sectors to integrate refugees into the workforce and support industries to overcome the loss of trade and logistical constraints, save jobs, and continue to increase trade with the EU. The scope of the project remains the same as those described in the approved FTA IEE and FTA SIEE no 1. The same environmental threshold decisions and the limitations specified in the original FTA IEE and FTA SIEE Amendment no 1 will apply with this amendment too: Categorical Exclusion under §216.2(c)(2)(i) & §216.2(c)(2)(xiv) is recommended for activities 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3 and Negative Determination with Conditions under §216.3(a)(2)(iii) is recommended for activity 2.1. The FTA life of project amount is \$54,000,000 over a five-year period.

- 1.2 All conditions of the original FTA IEE and subsequent amendments remain in effect. With this Amendment, all existing reporting requirements shall remain in place, for instance, any monitoring or reporting timelines stated in the FTA IEE or other existing EMMPs remain in place as do requirements for submittal by the implementing partner of Records of Compliance with Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plan at the close of activities.
- 1.3 Except of design and logistic preparations no physical activities have been accomplished in the project up to this point.
- 1.4 This project is currently in compliance.

2. Clearances:**Approval:**


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